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38. (New) An isolated antibody according to claim 33, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

REMARKS

In a restriction requirement dated July 22, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group 1, Claims 1 and 2 drawn to an isolated immune complex comprising an antigen (e.g., gp300, p200, p90/80) and antibody; Group II, Claims 3 and 4 drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to gp300, p200, p90/80, Group III, Claim 5 drawn to an immunogenic composition comprising gp300, p200, or p90/80; Group IV, Claims 6-14 drawn to a method for detecting HIV-2 antigens; Group V, Claims 15-17 and 20 drawn to a method for detecting HIV-2 antibodies; and Group VI, Claims 18 and 19 drawn to a diagnostic kit for this detection of HIV-2 antibodies. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 3 and 4 drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to gp300, p200, p90/80.

Claims 21-38 are new and directed to the subject matter of elected Group II. Claims 21-38 are fully supported by the specification. For example, claims 21-38 find support as follows:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Support</u>
21	original claim 3
22	original claim 3
23	original claim 3
24	original claim 3

25	original claim 4; page 48, lines 1-10
26	original claim 4; page 48, lines 1-10
27	page 48, lines 11-13 and 20-23
28	page 48, lines 11-13; page 49, lines 4-5
29	page 4, lines 19-24; page 13, lines 1-2; page 14, lines 12-16
30	page 10, lines 24-25
31	page 5, lines 5-9; page 21, lines 7-22
32	page 5, lines 5-9; page 21, lines 7-22
33	original claim 3
34	original claim 4; page 48, lines 1-10
35	original claim 4; page 48, lines 1-10
36	page 5, lines 10-15
37	page 48, lines 11-13 and 20-23
38	page 48, lines 11-13; page 49, lines 4-5

No new matter enters by amendment. Upon amendment, claims 21-38 are pending.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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